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1. (Unclassified - GLC) Norman Cornish, Deputy Staff Director, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, House Government Operations Committee, called with reference to an article which appeared in the Sunday Star indicating the United States plans to publish two Vietnamese language magazines in South Vietnam later this year. Cornish was interested in anything we could tell him about these magazines. He said he would like to know whose funds are being used to pay for them. I called him later in the day and told him I had checked with our people and had been assured that we were not involved in this magazine publication. He speculated that this was probably a USIA program but assumed we would know about it if it was, but I told him this was not necessarily the case.

2. (Unclassified - GLC) Ron Tammen, on the staff of Senator William Proxmire (D., Wis.), called concerning General Walters' response to the Senator's letter of 13 April regarding disclosure of the intelligence community budget. Tammen asked if General Walters' letter should be considered an interim reply since it mentioned that the Director was out of town. I told him I was sure it was not intended as an interim reply. He said if it was not and if it had been decided that these budgets were not to be published, the letter did not give the detailed justification which the Senator had requested for that position. I said I knew this was something which had been raised before and which the Director has given consideration and will continue to consider but I could add nothing beyond that. I told him I would check on this however and be back in touch with him. He said he would prefer not to have to write another letter and hoped that it could be handled by phone.

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## U.S to Publish Viet Magazine

SAIGON (UPI) — The United States plans to begin publishing two Vietnamese-language magazines in South Vietnam later this year, informed sources said yesterday.

One of the magazines will be a slick paper production to be distributed free to the country's intellectual, political, business and civic leaders, the sources said.

The second magazine will be an illustrated journal aimed at a mass audience.

Both magazines will make use of cartoons as well as photographs and the mass circulation magazine may include comic strips, which appeal to Vietnamese.